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CINCPAC FOR POLAD

E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: ASEC, PINS, AF, US
SUBJECT: TWO AMERICAN OFFICIALS TEMPORARILY DETAINED

1. USAID DIRECTOR CHARLES GRADER AND DEPUTY DIRECTOR OWEN CYLKE, WHO WERE ON THEIR WAY TO THE EMBASY IN AN AID VEHICLE WITH CD LICENSE PLATES, WERE STOPPED ON THE STREET AT APPROXIMATELY 0815 APRIL 30. THEY WERE QUESTIONED REGARDING THEIR DESTINATION AND THEIR POSSESSION OF A SINGLE SIDE-BAND RADIO (THE VEHICLE WAS AN AID CARRY-ALL EQUIPPED WITH SUCH A RADIO), AND HELD BY MILITARY PERSONNEL FOR TWO HOURS INSIDE THE KABUL ZOO COMPOUND. THEY WERE THEN TAKEN BY ARMED SOLDIERS WHO ACCOMPANIED THE TWO OFFICIALS IN THE AID VEHICLE TO THE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS.

2. THE EMBASSY SENT A CONSULAR OFFICER TO THE MFA TO SEEK INFORMATION REGARDING THE WHEREABOUTS OF GRADER AND CYLKE AS WELL AS THEIR RELEASE. THIS
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OFFICER WAS REFUSED ENTRY TO THE MFA, BUT WHILE HE WAS TALKING BY PHONE TO ABDULLAH TARZI, DEPUTY CHIEF OF PROTOCOL, HE SAW THE TWO AID OFFICIALS DRIVE INTO THE MFA GROUNDS. AT THE MFA, TARZI TOLD THE TWO OFFICIALS THAT MEMBERS OF THE OFFICIAL AMERICAN COMMUNITY SHOULD REDUCE THEIR VEHICULAR MOVEMENT AROUND THE CITY, AND THAT THEY SHOULD STOP

THEIR USE OF TWO-WAY RADIOS.

3. AT APPROXIMATELY 1145, AFTER APPROXIMATELY A HALF HOUR IN THE MFA, GRADER AND CYLKE WERE RELEASED AND PROCEEDED TO THE EMBASSY.

4. COMMENT: WE INTERPRET THIS INCIDENT AS A WARNING FROM THE NEW REGIME THAT THE OFFICIAL AMERICAN COMMUNITY IS UNDER PARTICULAR SCRUTINY AND THAT EXTRA CARE SHOULD BE TAKEN BY THE MISSION IN ORDER TO AVOID PROVOKING SOME UNTOWARD INCIDENT. THE SOLDIERS AND OFFICERS INVOLVED WERE POLITE BUT FIRM THROUGHOUT THE QUESTIONING, HOWEVER, AND THERE WAS NO INTIMATION OF ANY OVERT HOSTILITY. TARIZI UNDERLINED THAT AFGHANISTAN IS CURRENTLY UNDER A STATE OF EMERGENCY.
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